

**ENTERED**

April 17, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

JOHN H. RAMIREZ,

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Petitioner,

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v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. C-12-410

LORIE DAVIS,  
Director, Texas Department of  
Criminal Justice, Correctional  
Institutions Division

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Respondent.

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**ORDER**

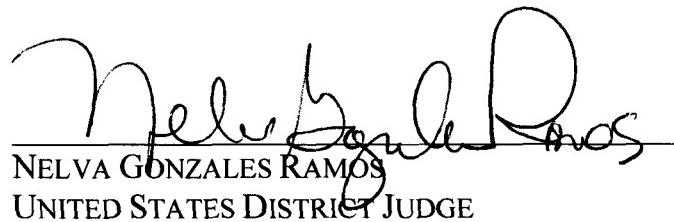
John H. Ramirez, an inmate on Texas's death row, has filed a motion for the appointment of counsel. D.E. 55. The Court **GRANTS** Mr. Ramirez's motion for the appointment of counsel. The Court has already found Mr. Ramirez indigent and authorized him to proceed without the payment of fees "throughout every subsequent stage of available judicial proceedings." 18 U.S.C. § 3599(e). D.E.5. After finding him qualified and willing to accept appointment, the Court **APPOINTS** the following attorney to represent Mr. Ramirez:

**Seth Kretzer**  
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Houston, TX 77002  
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Mr. Kretzer will be compensated at the maximum rate pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599(g)(1). Mr. Kretzer may submit requests for interim payment for his work.

Under federal law, a capital inmate “shall be entitled to the appointment of one or more attorneys.” 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(2). Mr. Kretzer may submit the name of an additional attorney to aid in representing Mr. Ramirez.

ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
NELVA GONZALES RAMOS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE